

APRIL 2026

OCKER BRETHREN CHURCH

Sewing Christ. Sewing Our Community

*Easter Sunrise
Worship Service*

*April 5
at 7 am*

Followed by
Pancake Breakfast
and Egg Hunt.

ALL
are invited!

Breakfast is
provided by the
Board of Elders.
Enjoy great food
and great
fellowship then
stay for the Easter
Egg Hunt!

*Easter
Blessings!*

From the Pastor....

Happy Spring Ocker!

As Easter approaches, I thought it would be a good opportunity to let you know about all the good work our Unity Missionaries are doing around the world!

Until the Unity elected me Vice President of the Denomination, I was unaware of much of our missionaries and their work. Since, I have been overwhelmed with the Kingdom work that is being done in Jesus name through our support.

Currently, the Unity supports Five Missionaries and I want you to know them (if you would like to personally contact any of these missionaries directly, please let me know and I will get you the needed information).

- 1) Ashely Dusek. Ashely grew up in Unity churches and felt moved to commit to full-time Mission work in Guatemala. Ashley really relies on Unity support... She lives and works full-time in the mission field. I hope to introduce her to Ocker soon. Ashley has a unique mission strategy that reflects deep retrospection and prayerful resolve to use her special calling to advance the Kingdom of God.
- 2) Pavel and Stania Kozak. The Kozak's are citizens of the Czech Republic and unbelievably dedicated to spreading the good news to the people of the Czech Republic. They engage in street ministry, person to person evangelism and inner-city ministries, all within the Czech Republic...full-time. In addition to Unity support, Ocker also supports the Kozak's. They have visited Ocker several times and they send us their newsletter on a regular basis. Please keep praying for them!
- 3) Prosthetic Promises In His Name (John Brinkley). I am very "bias" when it comes to this ministry/mission... in that, I think this ministry does more than any I have been a part of to meet the physical and spiritual needs of the people. John and Prosthetic Promises travels to Africa for two weeks every year... and they spend all day (everyday) fitting people for any and every prosthetic need they have.... and they have so so many needs. Ocker believes in this mission so much that we go beyond the Unity support and (like the Kozak's) we help them on a yearly basis as well. Next time you see John, thank him for the God-work he and his team are doing in Africa.
- 4) Joel and Teresa Jelski. The Jelski's are missionaries in Israel. Their "sending agency" is "Fields of Wheat." The Unity is their secondary support agency. As you can imagine, the Jelski's have had a very difficult time ministering since October 7, 2023...but, over the last year, they have been lead to re-double their efforts and carry on...despite the awful war. Please pray for them...

.....Continued from the Pastor

- 1) Phil and Eunice Raiford. I had the privilege of visiting the Raiford's last month. Phil and Eunice utilize the "Person of Peace" missionary strategy in their efforts to advance God's Kingdom...and...they do such a good job. They have developed an amazing community that looks to Phil and Eunice as their spiritual mentors and Gospel teachers. Like the Jelski's the Raiford's have seen a lot of unfortunate and traumatic events that have left them spiritually and emotionally anxious. The "front lines" of mission work is dangerous...please pray for them as they look to start a home church in their new area (southern Mexico).

Reading this list is inspiring to me...it reminds me that the Good News is getting spread....Jesus' hands and feet are being used by this group to do some powerful things. Their work inspires me to recommit myself to be the hands and feet of Christ in my community...I wonder...does it do the same to you? How do you feel when you read this list?

I will see you on Sunday...Hopefully I will see all of you on Resurrection Sunday...it is shaping up to be a great, holy day. I will save a seat for you.

Brad

FATHERS DAY FUNDRAISER



Please mark your calendar for June 21, 2026!

More information will be coming soon!
Please prayerfully consider ways you can help as it will take all of us to make our annual fundraiser successful.

Summer Camp Registration is now open. Use coupon code OCKER. Campers are responsible for a \$50 deposit and the church will pay the rest. If you have a friend that would like to attend camp, there are full and partial scholarships available through the camp. Let Jenn know and she will get you information on those scholarships.

Encounter (2nd-4th grade) June 14-17
Alpha (5th-6th grade) July 12-16
Pioneer (7th-8th grade) July 5-10
Discovery (9th-10th grade) June 7-12
Hus (11th - college freshman) June 19-27

CEC News

The April Craft Retreat is this month on Friday & Saturday, April 17 & 18. This retreat is sponsored by our Sunday School. We will need meals provided by our Adult Sunday School classes. The Brinkley class has offered to make desserts for the weekend and will cover the Saturday morning kolaches. Thank you so much! The 3 meals will be provided by Maggie's Class, Rose Anne's Standard Bible class and the Books of the Bible class. If you can help clean up on Saturday – please be there at 7 pm. Talk to Tracie or Lisa to see where you may help.

Remember, beginning in June, our first Sundays will consist of breakfast and when the children are released for choir practice, the adult and middle/high school classes will remain for a "Today's Issues" class. A suggestion box for topics you would like to see discussed will be placed in the Fellowship Hall. Please have your topics in the box by the middle of the month (between 15th & 20th). You may also contact Tracie Malovets, Sunday School Superintendent or Bro. Brad. Our moderators need a little time to research and be a little more knowledgeable of the subjects that may be presented. We look forward to some great discussions.

Breakfast Reminders:

April 5 is Pancake Breakfast after Sunrise Service and then an Easter Egg Hunt

May 3 - Muffins with Mom

June 7 - Donuts with Dad

July 5 - Potluck - everyone brings something

August 2 - CEC Provided

Don't forget that May will be a busy month for the end of school and our graduates. Please share your graduate info with Tracie (254) 760-8969 or Lisa (254) 913-7596 as soon as possible so they can be recognized at the Graduates Luncheon.

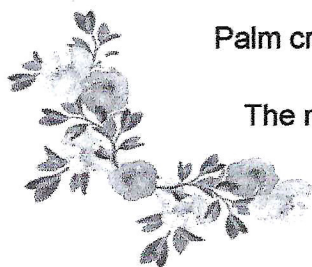
The next CEC meeting is scheduled for May 17 immediately after our Graduate's Luncheon. Come join us!

CHRISTIAN SISTERS

Christian Sisters met with 6 members present. Sharon Marek gave a devotional on The Elect Woman. A program on driver safety is being planned and will be open to all who wish to participate. This will probably be held in the Fall.

Palm crosses were donated by Christian Sisters to be passed out on Palm Sunday.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 21 at 11:30 am. All Ladies are invited!





Unity of the Brethren

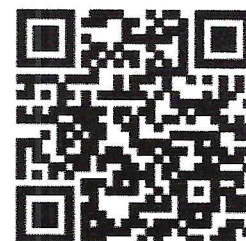


MAN CAMP

Come join us for the Unity of the Brethren Man Camp. A weekend dedicated to meaningful fellowship, uplifting fun, and plenty of good food. Drawing inspiration from Paul's writings our time together will focus on our shared calling to encourage and build one another up. Whether around the bonfire, sharing meals, or worshipping under the stars, this is a chance to deepen our bonds as brothers and grow in faith together.

Hus School Encampment
3635 County Road 225, Caldwell, Texas 77836

April 24th-25 Friday & Saturday
\$40 Registration fee
Register by April 17th



To register go to:

<https://taylorbc.churchtrac.com/connect?ei=HKPHYSK>
or scan the QR code



- FRIDAY - Optional -
7:30 Check in & Fellowship
Bonfire and Vesper @ Dark
- SATURDAY -
7:00 - 9:30 Check in
9:30-10:30 Breakfast
10:30 - 11:15ish First Session
11:15ish - 1:00 Fellowship Time
1:00-2:00 Lunch Meet-ing
2- 2:45ish After Lunch Session
2:45ish - 4 Fellowship
4-5 Clean Up
5:00 Prayer and Y'all git



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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 4/2 – Emily Sebek
● Brian Lawless
- 4/3 – Maise Barbisch
- 4/7 – Kim Dillard
- 4/10 – Kolbi Caldwell
- 4/11 – Frances Harper
- 4/12 – Dillon Barbisch
● Erin Brinkley
- 4/17- Jordan Barbisch
- 4/22 – Millie Martin
- 4/23 – Tiffany Henning
- 4/24 – Jordan Sebek
- 4/25 – Jerry Dillard
● Paisley Bedrich
- 4/27 – Wayne Imhoff
- 4/28 – Kyler Caldwell
- 4/29 – Micah Stewart

April Anniversaries

- 2 – Bernard & Cathy Koenig
- 8 – Ron & Sandy McAdams
- 9 – Lawrence & Dianne Psenck
- 12 – James & Renita Stepan
- 27 – Ronnie & Elaine Moore

The next Board of Elders meeting is April 8, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room. Meetings are open and ALL are invited to attend.

DID YOU KNOW?

Ocker has a weekly email update.

The weekly email update typically goes out every Tuesday. It includes a note from Brad, weekly event schedule and prayer requests. If you don't currently receive the email and wish to, please send an email to the church email address and request to be added to the weekly email update.

Ocker has a Prayer Chain for immediate prayer needs.

There are currently 62 people signed up to receive these texts. This is an automated text through our church software (Breeze). If you wish to receive this automated text, please email the church and request to be added to the Prayer Chain Text, or text Stacie.

IF YOU HAVE AN IMMEDIATE PRAYER REQUEST for the Prayer Chain Text – PLEASE TEXT OR CALL Bro. Brad or Stacie so that request can be sent out to the Prayer Chain.

Non-Urgent prayer requests will go out in the Tuesday email. Those can be made on Sunday morning during Worship, or by contacting Bro. Brad or Stacie.

CONSIDER ADDING THE INFORMATION FROM THE INFO PANEL ON THE RIGHT TO YOUR PHONE CONTACTS SO IT'S AVAILABLE WHEN NEEDED.

April 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 <i>He is Risen!</i> 7 am Worship Breakfast following	6	7	1 Egg Stuffing 6 pm BYF 6 - 8 pm CHOIR 6:30 pm Acts Bible Study 6:30 pm	2 Senior Adult Fellowship 9 am - 1 pm Maundy Thursday Service 6:30 pm	3 Good Friday	4
12 9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship	13	14	8 BYF 6 - 8 pm Acts Bible Study 6:30 pm Board of Elders Meeting 6:30 pm	9	10	11
19 9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship	20	21 Christian Sisters 11:30 am	15 BYF 6 - 8 pm Acts Bible Study 6:30 pm	16 Senior Adult Fellowship 9 am - 1 pm	17 CRAFT RETREAT Sponsored by Sunday School	18 CRAFT RETREAT Sponsored by Sunday School
26 9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship	27	28	22 Family Game Night 6 - 8 pm Acts Bible Study 6:30 pm	23	24	25
			29 BYF 6 - 8 pm Acts Bible Study 6:30 pm	30 Senior Adult Fellowship 9 am - 1 pm		

